

The City of Portland is set to lose about 10% of its federal counterterrorism money next year, as reduced grant money from the Department of Homeland Security is being spread to a greater number of communities across the country. As a result, Portland will receive just \$9.4 million in federal counterterrorism money and Oregon as a whole will lose over \$5 million. Put simply, the Department of Homeland Security has short-changed Oregon and the country with their reduced grants.. In light of natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, as well as growing tensions around the world, it is incomprehensible to me why the Department reduced its security grant funding to states by nearly \$800 million nationwide, an almost 30% cut. I have discussed this issue with my colleagues and I will do everything in my power to restore these cuts.

I am particularly troubled that the state of Oregon will be hit unnecessarily hard. If we want to protect our communities from natural disasters and terrorist threats, then Congress' budget should reflect those priorities.

Besides the City of Portland, grant money under the DHS Urban Area Security Initiative will go to Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington and Columbia counties, as well as Clark County, Washington. Cutting funding for over 2 million people in our region is not the way to ensure everyone's safety.

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